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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: DJ, PLO

SUBJ: PLO REPRESENTATION IN DJIBOUTI

1. PLO REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVED DJIBOUTI FROM SOMALIA MAY 19 TO DISCUSS OPENING OF OFFICE HERE. WE UNDERSTAND NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT DISCUSSION WILL RESUME UPON RETURN OF PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED, NOW IN PARIS.

2. SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED THREE NAMES FOR SAME INDIVIDUAL. ONE SOURCE GAVE OUID SAMARA AND DESCRIBED HIM AS BORN IN MAURITANIA OF WHICH HE IS A CITIZEN, A JOURNALIST BY PROFESSION. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS MOUSAD EL SAMRA OR, PERHAPS, MOHAMED MOUSAD EL SAMRA, BUT THAT HIS "OPERATION NAME" WAS ABU OUSAMA. HE WAS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS DIRECTOR OF THE PLO RADIO IN CAIRO BEFORE ITS CLOSURE, FORMER HEAD OF THE AFRICAN SECTION OF THE PLO, FORMER PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN CONAKRY AND DAKAR AND THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE AT AN OAU CONFERENCE IN MAURITIUS AND AT AN UNIDENTIFIED CONFERENCE IN CAIRO.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR MAN IN QUESTION IS A MEMBER OF THE "MODERATE EL FATAH" BRANCH OF THE PLO, AND WAS ADVISOR TO YASIR ARAFAT ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

4. BOTH AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ANY AVAILABLE U.S.

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INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY US WITH BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WHICH WE COULD PASS TO THESE TWO DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES. WE SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW CURRENT GUIDELINES ON CONTACTS WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES.  
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